Ray's Former Attorney Is Subject Of Lawsuit

NASHVILLE (UPI) — James Earl Ray has filed a disciplinary suit against his former attorney, Jack Kershaw, and is seeking the return of several documents and tapes.

The suit was mailed to Davidson County Chancery Court Monday from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Petros where Ray is serving a 99-year sentence for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The suit also asks that Kershaw give an accounting of funds from the Ray "defense fund."

Kershaw has said that funds received from the sale of Ray T-shirts went into a defense fund.

The suit also asks that Chancellor Robert Brandt order the return of several court documents and legal papers so that Ray may turn them over to the House Select Committee on Assassinations, which has interviewed Ray on several occasions.

Ray is seeking a copy of a book titled "Frame Up" By Harold Weisberg, a deposition from Ray's first attorney, Percy Foreman, and a tape-recorded interview with CBS-TV.

Ray hired Kershaw last February and fired him in October.

The suit also charges that Kershaw received between $11,500 and $20,000 from Playboy magazine for a Ray interview.

Kershaw said that Ray has paid him nothing.